document is given in the annexure. [*See* appendix 171, annexure No. 5]

U.S. report on ISI-backed militancy in Kashmir

180. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Indian Express' of June 29, 1994 under the heading 'ISI-backed militancy to spread in India' warns US report;

(b) if so, what are the contents of the report;

(c) what are the details of ISI-backed terrorist training camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK), the number of persons being trained and arms supplied and training given to them; and

(d) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to meet the situation in Kashmir and various other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report entitled "The Kashmir Connection" prepared by the Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare of the House Republican Research Committee, US House of Representatives documents Pakistans' role in international terrorism and its profound ramifications for India. This non-official report states that supporters of Islamist causes, put Kashmir high on their list of Jihads to be fought. The report goes on to add that the fighting in Kashmir will escalate significantly and terrorism will expand into the rest of India.

(c) Government are aware of the existence of training camps both in Pakistan as well as Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK). Their number and location, however, vary from time to time. It is not possible to estimate the precise number of persons who may be receiving training in such camps.

(d) Government have intensified surveillance and patrolling along the border/LOC to prevent infiltration. Government remain vigilant about activities detrimental to national security and take all measures to safeguard it.

National Policy on food Processing

181. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a national policy on food processing in the country;

(b) if so, whether the comments of the Agriculture and Commerce Ministries are delaying in implementing the national policy on food processing;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Ministry has prepared a framework for developing national policy on food processing industries and is now taking steps to hold consultation with sister Ministries, State

Governments and others for early finalisation of it.

Assessment of investment made in Food Processing Sector

182. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment in regard to investment made in food processing sector to promote food processing industries in Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the industries which are being established to promote food processing industries through investment and what are the details of the efforts being made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) As per available information 189 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda involving an investment about Rs. 2805 Crores have been filed upto May 1994 for setting up Food Processing units in the state of Gujarat. In addition approvals for Joint Venture Foreign Collaboration, setting up of EOUs etc. have been granted involving an investment of about Rs. 78 Crores. The industries proposed to be set up include Grain Processing, Fruit and Vegetables Processing, Fish Processing, Consumer Industries and Milk and Dairy Products.

Pepsi Food Ltd. alliance with US firm

183. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared any proposal of Pepsi Foods Limited for foreign alliance with an US firm to market branded fruit juice in the US, Netherlands and UK;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what benefits are likely to accure to the country including the repatriation of foreign exchange earned in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Stepping up various exports

184. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Standing Committee on Agriculture has pulled up the Food Ministry for its failures;

(b) if so, whether it has been suggested that Processing Industries should be merged eiher with Industry or Agriculture Ministries;

(c) whether the suggestions made in the report have been considered by Government;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry is steppping up various exports extending necessary facilities to the rural areas by setting up various centres and providing jobs to rural population; and

(e) if so, to what extent these schemes would be implemented during 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The Standing Committee on Agriculture had made certain observations regarding the Ministry.